Minutes: Iowa Council for Early ACCESS

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Date: March 6, 2009 place

Time: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Place: Stoney Creek Inn, Johnston, Iowa

Attendance

Present: Gladys Alvarez, Jodi Angus, Daryl Beall, Jane Borst, Angela Burke Boston, LaMark Combs, Sara Freiberg, Gina Greene, Kelly Hancock, Ron Koch, Stacy Kramer, Troy McCarthy, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Debra Sixta, Beth Troutman, Debra Waldron

Staff: Julie Curry, Barb Khal, Marion Kresse, Kelly Schulte, Susan White Excused: Michael Acarregui, Scott Beall, Mary Jane Brotherson, Andrew Hall, Barbara Merrill, Mary Nelson, Pablo Quintanilla, Carrie Sodders, Mary Stevens, Joann Stone, David Van Horn, Shanell Wagler, Nansi Woods

Guests: Jim Donoghue, Gaye Johnson

Approval of previous minutes

Kelly Hancock informed Council the November and January minutes will have to be approved at the May 15, meeting. Quorum was not established to approve these minutes.

Topics discussed

The table below identifies the topics discussed in the meeting and the person who led each discussion.

Topic	Discussion Leader
Family Story	Jodi Angus
Lead Agency & Signatory Partners	Kelly Hancock
Update	
Executive Committee and	LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl
Memorandum of Agreement Update	
Implications of Medicaid Rule	Jim Donoghue
Change	
Targeted Case Management	Kelly Hancock, Gaye Johnson
Service Coordination Panel	Barb Khal, Chris Skaala, Cynthia
	Bossard, Kathy Polzin
Legislative Session	Senator Daryl Beall
ICEA Standing Committees	Chair of Committees
Sharing Activities	Council members
Adjournment	

Family Story

Jodi Angus

Stacy, a Parent Representative on the Panel, presented her family's story of their adopted son, Austin. Austin came into the family first as a foster child and later adopted. His biological mother used methamphetamine throughout her pregnancy, which led to Austin having severe substance abuse.

Austin was featured on ABC news as a foster child exposed to methamphetamine when we was 2 years old. Now at age 6, Austin has had several surgeries. Physical, Occupational therapists and specialists continue to assist in Austin's growth.

Jodi is thankful for everyone who has supported her and her family. She has received many resources from ChildServe, in Johnston, Iowa.

Executive committee update

Kelly Hancock

Kelly gave an update from the Executive Committee meeting, which was held in February.

- A possible revision of terminology regarding "fetal drug or alcohol exposure" in the Early ACCESS Eligibility Determination Procedures Document.
- A federal executive order placing a hold on new administrative rules for a single case manger was issued and Iowa Medicaid Enterprise has withdrawn this requirement from revisions to the state Medicaid plan.

Memorandum of agreement update

LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl

LauraBelle discussed the goals, which have been drafted for the Memorandum of Agreement Action Plan. These drafted goals were reviewed and will be available for further Council input at the next meeting.

Implications of Medicaid rule change

Jim Donoghue

Continuing conversations are being discussed concerning the impact of one service case manager per child.

Health and Human Services federally audit states and providers to oversee their programs. Cases that indicate Medicaid services are being reviewed to make sure these were medically necessary.

Jim has set up an Early ACCESS Medicaid Workgroup and outlined the following goals for the workgroup:

- 1. Iowa's interim rule/Infant Toddler Medicaid Manual
- 2. Identify implications of rule/Manual changes
- 3. Make recommendations to the Early ACCESS Council

If anyone who wishes to participate on this workgroup, please contact Jim Donoghue at 515-281-8505 or at jim.donoghue@iowa.gov

Targeted case management

Kelly Hancock, Gaye Johnson (ChildServe)

Kelly, a Parent Representative and Chair, talked about her experience as a parent with their targeted case manager assisting them with their daughter, Morgan. She explained how the manager helps with transportation, linkages to doctors, phone calls once a month and goals set for Morgan at home.

Gaye, who has been serving for 12 years in case management/supervision, talked about her experience with families. Caseloads at ChildServe run between 26-28 cases typically. Regulations require monthly contact on each child, including phone calls and it has expanded the monthly contact to include email.

Gaye clarified that targeted case management is included only in the Mental Retardation, Children's Mental Health and Brain Injury waivers (not Ill and Handicapped, which has a different arrangement). Gaye also mentioned that mental health waivers for targeted case management are much smaller (11 to 12) children. She also shared lessons learned from a prior Early ACCESS – ChildServe pilot that explored the differences and similarities of EA service coordination and targeted case management.

Kelly and Gaye fielded questions from the Panel.

Service coordination panel

Barb Khal, Cynthia Bossard, Kathy Polzin, Chris Skaala

Barb facilitated the conversation while, Cynthia, Kathy and Chris joined via conference call. Cynthia, Kathy, and Chris are also parents of child/children with special needs.

Cynthia, Kathy and Chris are Service Coordinators from Child Health Specialty Clinics (CHSC). They serve mostly infants and toddlers with prematurity, complex medical needs and exposure to substances. They have continuing partnerships with CHSC nurse practitioners and with CHSC registered dietitians.

- Chris Skaala, Service Coordinator in Region 9, serves infants and toddlers with prematurity. She serves 10 to 12 families and works 10 to 13 hours a week. She receives resources from other co-workers, other Service Coordinators, Parent Educator Connection, internet and AEAs.
- Kathy Polzin, Service Coordinator in Region 9, serves infants and toddlers with complex medical needs. Kathy serves 10 children and works 10 to 13 hours a week. She informed the Panel that a challenge she has is coordinating schedules with families and paperwork.
- Cynthia Bossard, Service Coordinator in Region 15, serves infants and toddlers with exposure to substances. Cynthia serves 25 to 27 children and works 40 hours a week.

Legislative session

Senator Daryl Beall

Senator Beall informed Panel that the legislature continues to be under financial difficulties.

He also discussed the amendment to Senate File 48, The Iowa Health Care Coverage Partnership Program. This bill will allow small businesses, non-profits, self-employed, and municipalities to purchase employee health insurance through the state employee health plan. This will ensure that Iowa continues to make important advancements in health care and that every child will have the opportunity to have coverage.

ICEA standing committee reports

Kelly Hancock

Kelly asked that the Committees provide updates to the Council.

- Public Policy: No report
- Bylaws: No report
- Parent Leadership: Continuing have meetings and plan to have activities for summer
- Nominating: No report
- Membership: We will need to recruit members as Troy McCarthy (Parent), Debra Sixta (Private Provider) terms expire in 2009. We will also need to fill the Empowerment position as Shanell Wagler is unavailable.
- Governor's Report: The Governor's report is finalized and copies were provided to members.

Sharing of activities

Kelly Hancock

Kelly asked Panel members to share activities and information.

- Gladys informed Panel members of an education training conducted by Dr. Shaw at the Kelley Conference Center, Methodist Hospital on March 20.
- Troy informed members that National Down Syndrome Day will be on March 21 and comedian Dan Kulp will share his story of growing up with brothers and sisters with Down's syndrome at Hallagan Education Center, Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids, IA.
- Debra shared that CHSC is reorganizing. They are creating a public health division with Barb Khal as Director.
- Jodi asked the Panel to contact her for any public speaking engagements concerning her family story.
- Jane informed Panel members that on March 10, Dr. Shaw will be conducting an ICN on drug exposed infants and that 500 individuals have already signed up.
- Gina mentioned the continuing work on the AEA Part C Procedures Manual. Also informed that the family satisfaction survey is now a single page questionnaire and is being sent to families, due to the Council's recommendation to reduce the number of survey questions. On a personal note, her son Tyler is presenting in San Diego over spring break.

Adjournment Kelly Hancock

Kelly Hancock thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting The next Iowa Council for Early ACCESS will be held on:

Date: Friday, May 15, 2009 Time: 10:00 am-3:00 pm Location: Stoney Creek Inn